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Commissioner, Representative to Meet with Taxpayer Group in Anderson Thurs.

INDIANAPOLIS – State Representative Terri Austin and two of the state's top property tax administrators will meet with a Madison County property owners group at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Anderson Public Library.

Melissa Henson, Commissioner of the state's Department of Local Government Finance, and Barry Wood, Director of the Department's Assessment Division, will join Rep. Austin in meeting with and answering questions from the Madison County Property Owner's Association.

"When Rep. Austin invited us to Thursday's meeting, I happily accepted," said Henson, a 22-year veteran of property tax administration. "It's a great opportunity to hear first hand the issues facing the community, and it gives me a chance to answer any questions the association may have."

The meeting comes after an active legislative session that gave property tax owners across the state additional property tax relief.

House Enrolled Act 1001 increased the maximum limit on the standard property tax deduction from \$35,000 to \$45,000 for assessment year 2006 pay 2007. Taxpayers also received a little more time to file their deductions with county auditors thanks to Senate Enrolled Act 260. The legislation changed the filing deadline for property tax deductions from May 11 to June 11.

For more information on Thursday's meeting, contact Mitch Frazier at (317) 233-9222.